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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

### THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The British market for American apples during the past week was characterized by an active demand for yellow barreled varieties but a slow to moderate demand for most of the red varieties, according to quotations cabled by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. One of the outstanding features of the auction in Liverpool on Wednesday, February 9, was the slow demand registered for the unusually heavy supplies of Virginia York Imperials. New York Rhode Island Greenings and Baldwins and Massachusetts Baldwins, on the other hand, were keenly competed for.

Rhode Island Greenings from New York once more topped the market but at levels slightly below those prevailing last week,  $A-2\frac{1}{2}$  inch sizes ranging from \$6.81 to \$7.30 as against \$6.81 to \$7.79 the week before. Massachusetts Baldwins brought the next best price,  $A2-\frac{1}{2}$  inch fruit moving actively at prices ranging from \$6.93 to \$7.06 per barrel. Supplies of Virginia York Imperials were heavy and in general in poor condition, the fruit showing a large amount of scald, and as a result the demand was poor. Such Yorks as were in good condition, however, brought relatively good prices,  $A-2\frac{1}{4}$  inch stock bringing from \$4.62 to \$5.84 per barrel, as against \$4.87 to \$5.47 last week. Available supplies of New York and Virginia Ben Davis were light but the demand was only moderate.

In general, it can be said that there is a good demand in British markets for high class fruit from both the box and the barrel apple states. Much of the fruit offered during the past week, however, was in an unsatisfactory condition. This was particularly true of the Virginia York Imperials and Stayman Winesaps. There was a good demand on the auction for barreled Winesaps from Virginia but only light supplies were available. The demand for Washington Winesaps was active. Supplies of the latter variety were moderate, Extra Fancy fruit, sizes 163/175, ranging from \$2.92 to \$3.16 per box, as against \$3.41 to \$3.47 last week.

Spanish oranges were in light supply but the quality of the fruit offered was good, states Mr. Smith. Winter Nellis Pears from Washington brought \$3.28 to \$3.65; Florida Grapefruit \$7.30 to \$8.88, and Jamaica Grapefruit \$5.60 to \$6.93 per case.

The following table shows the prices paid for American apples on the Liverpool auction on February 9 as compared with the preceding week:

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## Prices paid for American apples in Liverpool

Variety and Grade	Origin	Feb. 2, 1927	Feb. 9, 1927
		: Per bbl	Per bbl
York Imperial, A-21 in	Virginia	:a/\$ 4.87	: <u>b</u> /\$4.62 - 5.60
A- $2\frac{1}{4}$ in A- $2\frac{1}{5}$ in. (badly scalded):	1f	$\frac{a}{4.87} - 5.47$	4.62 - 5.84 3.47 - 4.62
Ben Davis, A-2 in	: New York		: 3.47 - 4.62 : 5,47 - 5.60 : 5.47 - 5.84
$A-2\frac{1}{4}$ in	Virginia "	: 5.35 - 5.84	: 5.47 - 5.84 : c/
Winesap, $A-2\frac{1}{2}$ in	If	: <u>c</u> /	: 5.35 - 6.20
Stayman Winesap, A-21 in		": $6.81 - 7.79$	$\frac{b}{4.62} - 5.35$ 6.81 - 7.30
Baldwin, $A-2\frac{1}{2}$ in	l H	: <u>c/</u>	: 5.72 - 5.96 : 6.08 - 6.33
$A-2\frac{1}{4}$ in	11	: 5.60 - 6.08	
$A-2\frac{\mathbb{I}}{2}$ in	Massachusetts	<u>c/</u>	: 6.93 - 7.06
Winesap:		Per box	
Extra Fancy 163/175	Washington	: 3.41 - 3.47 : 3.28	: 2.92 - 3.16 : 2.68 - 2.92
Stayman Winesap:		:	:
Extra Fancy 163/175	. н	2.92 ≥ 2.68	; <u>c/</u>
Spitzenburg:			:
Fancy 163/175	Oregon	3.22	: <u>c</u> /
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a/ Fair condition. b/ Poor condition. c/ Not quoted in cable.

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